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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 17, 2004, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on March 17, 2005, Applicants submit the following remarks for entry in the above-identified patent application and request reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the application.